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News you can use, news you can trust

## Home sale figures sought

Molly Tippen  
Staff Writer

A steep decline in home purchases in Michigan concerns Romulus officials enough to touch base with developers to see how fast their homes are selling.

Tim Keyes, the city economic development director, said the sluggish market is something officials will keep an eye on going forward, but added that he's not worried that the city will end up with a glut of empty new homes, or that current development projects will stall because of a lack of buyers.

"We cannot tell developers they cannot build homes here, that would be illegal," he said. "But we can make sure they build according to our master plan, and our zoning. We are lucky in that we have experienced growth that is sustained. Some communities experienced an explosion of building, and now are stuck with homes (without an occupant)."

Currently, there are about four

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Tim Keyes

residential subdivisions planned to add homes or condominiums: The Gateway project, Avalon Meadows, Legacy Park, and the Highlands.

Michigan, which still has the highest unemployment rate in the United States, has experienced a conversion in the real estate market. Stories of residents trying to sell their homes to no avail have been played up in the local media.

During the past five years, about 1,000 new homes have been built in Romulus. Most have met with brisk sales so far, Keyes said. But with layoffs at the Big Three automakers and

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## Engineering success

The Romulus High School-General Motors Powertrain Robotics team finished 11th in the FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) national finals in Atlanta, Ga., last week. FIRST, a program that introduces high school students to technology by having them build a high-tech robot capable of playing simple sports, gives students six weeks to prepare for competition. Students partner with a company, in this case GM, to help build the robot. Romulus High School teacher and advisor Andy Stewart called the 11th place finish in a field of 400 competitors "a good team effort." Pictured here are GM team members (first row, left to right) Doug Mayo, Lisa Mayo, Stewart, and Gary Thomas. In the second row are (left to right): Ray Theriault, Mike Anderson, Ed Omatten, Kevin Gay, Clay Urlick, Neerj Shah, and Jim Karell.

## Enrollment levels first on board agenda

Molly Tippen  
Staff Writer

Members of the Romulus Community Schools Board of Education unanimously voted to assign four of the seven members to new positions Monday night.

Celeste Roscoe was chosen president of the board. Former Secretary Ken Meinkiewicz was elected as vice president; Niema White was elected as secretary; and Betty Lenossi was chosen as treasurer.

Each officer will serve a one-year term that expires the first week of July 2007.

Roscoe, in an interview Tuesday, said she was pleased that her colleagues voted for her, and that the board will continue to work as a unit.

"The first thing we're going to do is get together to reorganize and work on our strategy for the following year," she said.

Many issues will face the board this year, Roscoe said. Chief among them is re-trenching the school enrollment numbers, which are directly tied to state funding losses or gains.

"The first thing we need to look at is ways to stabilize the enrollment, and that's a big enough job to start with," she said. "That's where we're going to start."

Romulus Community Schools,

which currently educates about 4,300 students, has lost about 700 students during the past several years to schools that offer "choice" programs and area charter schools. The schools have had to offer employees early buyout plans to save money, and staff layoffs were recently implemented.

Lenossi, who is an 11-year veteran of the board, said building enrollment is job number one.

"We have to find a way to increase those numbers, and we've scheduled meetings to further discuss that," she said. "We've been looking at this for while - we have some numbers from the Avondale sub over on Wayne Road - and we're getting some numbers from there. But it's not nearly enough."

Lenossi said she believes the district is losing students because people are leaving the area to seek employment opportunities, and that the economy is more to blame than districts that allow outside enrollment or charter schools.

The board will also, for the first time in several years, be working with a new superintendent. Carl Weiss was hired three months ago and took the reins of the district this month. He replaces outgoing superintendent Joel Carr, who is

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Celeste Roscoe



Ken Meinkiewicz



Betty Lenossi



# Award winner named best student

Andrea King  
Staff Writer

Julia Leake has been awarded the highest honor at Rawsonville Elementary School in Belleville: The Principal's Award.

She was nominated by teachers, as well as principal Sue Farber.

"Julia was an excellent student, musically talented and friendly to all the kids," Farber said. "She earned the respect and admiration of staff and stu-

dents and wasn't afraid to be friends with anyone."

As part of the Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principal Association, the award recognizes a student from the exiting grade of the school who is deserving of exemplary achievement, according to the organization.

Leake, an 11-year-old who just completed the fifth grade, was the best all-around student, Farber said.

Her parents, Russell and Carol

Leake, said they could not be more proud of their daughter.

"It was a big honor for her," said Carol Leake. "She always does very well in school and we were pleased as punch she did so well in the fifth grade."

When the award winning student is not busy with school, she also enjoys horseback riding, singing, playing music and remaining active in church and Girl Scouts, her mother said.

Leake will attend North Middle School in the fall.



Julia Leake

# Council rejects Downtown Development budget

Andrea King  
Staff Writer

The Belleville Downtown Development Authority (DDA) committee members will have to take a closer look at their 2006-2007 fiscal year budget which was denied by city council members last week.

The motion to approve the DDA budget failed when council members George Chedraue and Lori Hecksel voted against it.

"I have a problem with the budget. Nothing is being done in the downtown," said Chedraue. "I always thought the DDA was supposed to be the Downtown Development Authority. What are you doing to bring businesses in?"

Toby Leis, chairman of the development authority, said the committee has budgeted funds to hire a new director, for property acquisition, the facade program and a new Wi-Fi Internet program.

"There's still money there in hopes for a new director, to bring in more businesses,

address the streetscape and other new programs," he said. "The Wi-Fi program was brought up in budget meetings and we're entertaining the idea, but we may never spend a dime of that money, but we would like to have the funds in place."

The Wi-Fi program is intended to get facilities in the downtown to provide wireless Internet access for the public. The downtown development authority may also consider property acquisition that hasn't been up for public discussion, yet, according to the committee.

The fund balance, which is about \$915,051, was projected to include appropriations for administrative costs, \$320,000 for city services and about \$309,000 for economic development.

Chedraue said that for the past two years, the committee has done nothing to attract businesses into the city and feels the budget needs to be reviewed again.

"I would like that money to be spent attracting and recruiting businesses," he said.

Hecksel echoed his comments. She said the city taxpayers are the people

putting money into that account.

"We as a council have to be fiscally responsible. We're asking the same from the Downtown Development Authority," Hecksel said. "I know they do a lot of good things, but that doesn't mean they can go throwing money away."

"We do what we can as volunteers," said Leis.

One suggestion, Hecksel said, could be to hire a marketing director who is result-based.

"We're trying to be as financially responsible as any other board," said Leis.

Council members agreed a meeting between the two boards—the development authority and the city council—must also take place.

"Work on making buildings and businesses ready and eye appealing, fixing up properties, downtown development, making downtown marketable and putting programs into place. That's what needs to be worked on," said Hecksel.

# Schools honor retiring employees

The Van Buren Public School District recently acknowledged the several employees who retired this school year.

The 2006-2007 retirees included: Phyllis Bies, a teacher at Savage Elementary School, for 38 years in the district; Arlene Daroci, a teacher at Savage Elementary School, for 36 years in the district; Bruce Greene, a teacher at South Middle School, for 27 years in the district; Custodian Anna Lee Hawkins, for 21 years in the district; Carolyn Hyde, a teacher at Belleville High School, for 38 years in the district; Robert LaPointe, a teacher at Belleville High School, for 15 years in the district; WynAnn Marosi, a paraprofessional at

Savage Elementary School, for 11 years in the district; Karen Monte, a secretary at Rawsonville Elementary, for 23 years in the district; Carol Morcom, an administrative employee, for 19 years in the district; Cheryl Sims, a teachers at Belleville High School, for 31 years in the district; Leah Umbarger, a paraprofessional at Savage Elementary School, for 9 years in the district; Custodian Gene Whitehead, for 28 years in the district; Wilber Winkle, a maintenance employee for the building and grounds, for more than 31 years; and Barbara Zarow, a teacher at Rawsonville Elementary School, for 11 years in the district.

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# Recall bid fails in Van Buren

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Staff Writer

Residents who hoped to recall members of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education had their petition denied last week by the Wayne County Board of Elections.

The election commissioners dismissed the ballot language of the petition for 'lacking clarity.' The commissioners must approve the language before any petitions can legally be circulated, according to Paul Henning, spokesperson for the school district.

"The petition was not clear enough for residents to read and understand what the issue is," he said. "Now, it's up to those citizens if they want to pursue it or not. It's their right."

The petition, filed by resident Beverly Yurchack, stated that each of the five board members—Robert Coutts, Toni Hunt, Keith Johnston, Ralph Nodwell and Martha Toth—have directly participated in making decisions contrary to the desires of the majority of the electorate. It also said board members were ignoring formal objections and concerns about the development of a new high school, being repeatedly influenced by vested interest groups, have demonstrated poor judgment in a high school site selection, used nepotism in staffing selection, used a bond issue based on athletic advancement and have generally lacked in responsiveness to the wishes of the community.

Hunt said she was shocked at how un-informed the people who pursued the recall really are.

"Someone needs to do their homework," she said. "Our job is to try and improve the school district. No one is actively pursuing plans for a new high school now. We have not discussed it at board meeting or work-study session so I'm baffled on how they can make that accusation. We need the facilities, but we're not actively pursuing that now."

"I don't think they have a specific reason to recall. It's a tax issue and they don't want to support the community," Hunt added.

Toth said while people are entitled to the right of recall, it's hard for her to understand this one.

"Recalls are an important part of the system, but when people can't even run for a seat on the school board, I don't get it," she said. "It seems to me like that would be the simplest way to change leadership in the district."

Recall petitioners can now retool the language and refile for another hearing.

School officials said they have always had the best interests of the district in mind.

# Diamond Rio shoots into city

Molly Tippen  
Staff writer

It's not very often famous people show up to shoot the breeze – and maybe some targets – at the Romulus Police Station.

But that's exactly what happened earlier this month when county music band Diamond Rio took a break from their touring schedule at the behest of Romulus Police Det. Dwayne DeCaires, whose best friend is Diamond Rio lead singer Marty Roe.

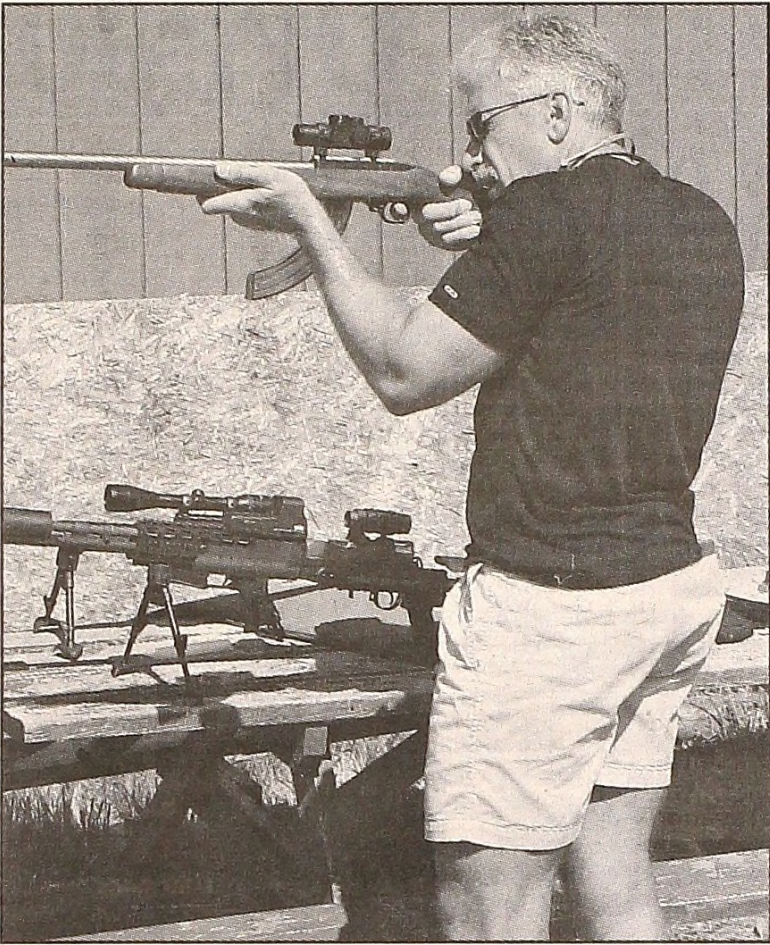
"We grew up in a small town in Ohio, and we're in touch all of the time," DeCaires said. "We always try to get together when the band is in town."

Diamond Rio was in town to play a concert at Irish Hills, and DeCaires decided something different was in order. So, he suggested the band and some Romulus police officers head over to the Van Buren Police Department gun range for some specialized weapons training.

"I offered to take them to the range with our instructors and they had a great day of shooting during their time off prior to the concert," DeCaires said.

Three band members – lead singer and guitarist Roe, mandolin player Gene Johnson and guitarist Jimmy Olander – took the officers up on their offer.

DeCaires and Roe have been



Jimmy Olander of the country/bluegrass quintet Diamond Rio zeros in on his target with a high-powered rifle.

friends for more than 20 years. They grew up in Lebanon, Ohio. While DeCaires dreamed of becoming a police officer, Roe was plotting a route to country music stardom. In the 1990s, Roe's dream came true – Diamond Rio has six "Vocal Group of the Year" awards from the Academy of Country Music and the Country Music Association, 25 Top Ten country hits, 15 top five singles and nine number one singles. The quintet also has racked up 10 million in record sales, according to the band web site.

Roe – the lead singer and guitarist for the band – said he

enjoys activities in the communities where the band performs, especially if it involves his friend DeCaires.

"We appreciated the Romulus police officers taking the time and giving us firearms training during our break," he said. "This was something that we have never done to this extent with all the different weapons. We love coming to Michigan and appreciate the support from Michigan fans each time we perform here."

Diamond Rio just added a third trip to Michigan and will be at the Soaring Eagle Casino in Mount Pleasant on Nov 17.

# Homes - Most officials not worried about housing glut

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Northwest Airlines – one of the largest employees in Romulus – for sale signs have also cropped up.

"I think it's a soft market across the United States, absolutely," said Councilman William Crova. "I don't think it's specific to us. We were after rooftops – it's something we wanted, and we're in western Wayne County, where in many aspects, it's still growing."

Others aren't so sure.

"It seems like every fifth home you see is up for sale," said Councilman Harry Crout. "There's a lot of reasons for that, but frankly, I'm concerned there

won't be a market for some of these newer homes. When you look at the economy – people are moving out, people are taking concessions in their pay – who is going to be able to afford some of these homes?"

Crout also said the overall state of the economy and taxes may not be a harbinger for continued momentum in home sales, especially in Wayne County.

"Foreclosures in Wayne County are at their highest levels ever," Crout said. "There are so many people that are telling me that taxes are too high, and that they just can't afford to live here. They can go to Van Buren Township and pay significantly less in taxes for the same house."

J.R. Rhotan, who owns a real estate company in Romulus, said that from his perspective home sales are flat, and some are staying on the market longer.

"There doesn't seem to be any more for sale this year than last year," he said. "They're going for less, though. All in all, there's some great buys out there."

Still, Keyes said he believes the city will not end up with a glut of homes.

"These are very smart people (developers) we're dealing with, and they're very cautious about the conditions under which they build," he said. "We're going to have a conversation with them to keep the lines of communication open."

# Board - New board president, new superintendent

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retiring next month.

Roscoe said she does not believe working with a new superintendent will pose any significant challenges for the board.

"Even though we're all in new roles, we do everything we can to stay informed about everything that's going on," she said. "We will continue to work together."

One question mark that

remains is if Weiss, who comes to the district from one that allows enrollment from outside the city, will propose doing the same in Romulus.

"I would be against doing that for the whole district," Lenossi said. "But we're doing some tracking to see where students are going and what we can do to keep them."

The board elects new officers each year in July.



Niema White

# News in brief

## Photo exhibit scheduled

The Romulus Historical Society is hoping an exhibit of rare, archival photographs from the collection of the school district will attract residents interested in learning more about the area heritage.

The photos are mostly composite graduation photographs dating back to the 1900s, when the schools educated only a handful of students. Newer photos date to the 1970s, when the high school graduating class had more than 300 students.

The exhibit is part of the annual Party on the Park, which is a fundraiser for the efforts to preserve local history.

The photos will be on display at the Historic Wabash Freight House, which was newly refurbished last year. The house is located at the Romulus Historical Park.

The event will take place at 6:30 p.m. on July 19.

For more information, call Mark Lewkowicz at (734) 751-0984.

## Church plans picnic

Community United Methodist Church members have scheduled the annual church picnic for this Sunday, and everyone is invited.

Church planners are asking that attendees bring a picnic dish and invite some friends to the event, which will feature Christian magicians Magic Bob & Suzie.

The magicians will perform a magic show for children during the event that is based on Christian philosophies. Chalk art created by Suzie will also be on display for children and adults to enjoy.

Worship service will also take place at 11 a.m. The picnic will follow at 12:30 p.m.

Community United Methodist Church is located at 11160 Olive St. in Romulus.

## Hazardous waste day

Residents of Romulus and the rest of Wayne County can take hazardous household products that cannot be disposed of in the usual way to Bishop Park in Wyandotte.

The Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Aug. 5. Household paints, stains, cleaning fluids and fertilizers, among other items, will be taken in for proper disposal free of charge. The county has waste days in various communities to encourage residents to clean up in an environmentally friendly way.

For more information, call (734) 326-3936.



# OPINION

## Cooperation? Oh deer!

Who says there's no bi-partisan cooperation in Lansing these days? Why, just last week two State Senators announced a joint effort to combat a problem from both sides of the aisle.

State Sen. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton) and State Sen. Ray Basham (D-Taylor) are teaming up to solve an ongoing problem in the State of Michigan: car-deer collisions.

Seriously.

This is actually a relatively major problem. They estimated that these collisions account for more than 60,000 accidents in Michigan every year. That no doubt costs insurance companies a lot of money and probably ruins a lot of family vacations—to say nothing of what it means to the deer herds. They'll probably never get over that 'deer in the headlights' cliché.

But is this something that can truly be legislated? And don't we have more pressing matters at hand? This is an election year, after all, where everyone is concentrating on big-ticket issues like the economy, education funding and health care—not to mention the political football that is the Single Business Tax.

In fairness, Patterson and Basham are teaming up to form a committee to look into the issue. They will probably see the solution as some sort of public information campaign that will go beyond the common sense solutions of 'Slow Down,' 'Pay Attention,' or, as northerners sometimes call to each other as they leave social functions: 'Watch for deer.'

If, however, we see one press release or hear one suggestion about teaching deer to obey no crossing signs, we're going to put on our collective hats and head somewhere where government still makes sense—if we can find it.

This does tell us one thing, though, that these legislators are willing to think outside the box to solve a problem.

That and the deer must have a stronger lobbying group than the squirrels and raccoons.

## Experience gets our vote

Incumbents often have a stranglehold on their elected spots. There may be no clearer example of this than in the 12th District of the Wayne County Commission, where Kay Beard is seeking her 15th term in office.

Beard, who was elected in April of 1978, is facing newcomer Vernall Massey, an Inkster resident this year. Whoever earns the most votes in the August primary will most likely take the seat in November.

This is one of those races in which newspapers—ourselves included—tend to be a bit hypocritical. We're always pushing for new people to get involved in politics—it was the foundation of the term limits vote in the state legislature, years ago—and yet when the time comes we tend to pick the most qualified, which in this case is Beard.

There's a lot to like about Massey, too. She's energetic and articulate and has a strong background in business. She's concerned—as are we—that Inkster doesn't get its fair share of representation on the commission and that has hurt the progression of the city. If there was any one downfall, it was her desire to keep her managerial position at Target and serve on the commission at the same time. While it's true that it's widely accepted that the commissioner role is a part-time job with full-time pay, we don't think that should be the case.

The county has changed drastically during Beard's tenure. The most senior member on the board, she's helped guide the county through those changes, too.

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HEY MISTER, THE BUCK STOPS HERE!!



## Campaign sends mixed message

There's less than a month before the August primary election and you know what that means:

Things are about to get ugly.

I've often gone off on tirades about negative campaigning. This time I want to put out a more practical appeal to candidates, in whatever race they're in.

Don't sink to that level.

There are a number of interesting races in western Wayne County. I think the two most noteworthy ones are for the State House of Representatives in the 20th District and the 18th District, where candidates are seeking to replace term-limited legislators.

Most of the negative campaigning I've heard of so far has come in the 20th District House race, and been directed at one of the Republican candidates, Mark Abbo. A web site has been set up that skews his record as a 14-year elected official in Northville Township claiming that he has lied about his intentions to enter the race and that he's for big government spending—at a time when he and the remainder of the township administration are seeking two millages that reduce the overall millage rate.

Here's the thing about negative campaigning. I've always thought it was the last bastion of the desperate. It's a tactic people take when they're

trying to hide something about themselves—whether it be a lack of qualifications or something else. It's a simple tactic—you just shine the spotlight elsewhere, divert the attention with a scatter gun style of mudslinging and hope something sticks.

History has proven that this is effective, as sad as that is. Voters, though, should be careful when and if they read anything knocking down one candidate so that all others look better. Who ultimately benefits from it, and who ultimately loses?

With that in mind, it may come as no surprise to anyone that questions surfaced this week about Beth Stewart, who is campaigning against Abbo in the Republican primary for the seat, and her ongoing relationship with the Plymouth Historical Museum as it relates to her campaign.

Do these questions not fall under the same umbrella of negative campaigning?

I don't think so, and here's why. I've had many of the same concerns, and they're not directed at Stewart in particular, but rather the reputation of the fine institution that the Historical Museum is in the community as well as the electoral process in general. This concern has its root in the mixed

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## Students deserve a level field

I must admit, my opinions are somewhat divided.

On one hand, I believe that society should do as much as it can to help some of its weakest members, and on the other, I believe government has the obligation to make sure it's spending tax dollars in a way that benefits everyone.

These are the thoughts that rattle around my brain whenever the Michigan Merit Award comes up. The award—which provides students who do well on the Michigan Education Assessment Program (MEAP) a scholarship of up to \$3,000—has been in the news a lot lately.

That's because Gov. Jennifer Granholm signed a bill that eliminates the scholarship for students who intend to take the money and run to an out-of-state university. The rationale is that the money should be spent here in Michigan. Fair enough.

But I'm going to say something that—when approached by lawmakers a few years ago—enraged parents. The scholarships, given the overall economic climate in Michigan—should be eliminated altogether and brought back at a more appropriate time.

Why? Because we cannot afford this program at this time, and it does very little to help students struggling with the high cost of education. Also, the

program flies in the face of the rhetoric we have heard in this state for 20 years about limiting and erasing entitlements. The merit scholarships—though no one wants to admit it—amount to an entitlement program.

Don't get me wrong. I like the idea of helping people get an education, and the fact that the current one offers the same dollars to students who choose a trade school over a four-year university is a good one.

But the fact of the matter is that this program leaves too many people out of the loop that have the same needs. Here in our humble newspaper office, most of us have taken out loans or paid out of our pockets to take classes. Many of us, years later, are still struggling with those loans. The merit award dollars go only to high schoolers, and leave nothing for returning students who, for whatever reason, could not attend college or trade school at 18.

We never expected anybody to swoop in and give us money we don't have to pay back, so why are we now being asked to pay for someone else? Parents threw an absolute fit when there was talk of curbing the awards. They used the old "a promise is a

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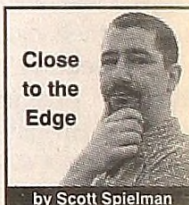
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Close to the Edge

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Sad but True

by Molly Tippen



## Campaign

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messages sent out from the Stewart camp.

First, there is the thought that because her husband, John, served the district for six years, that she knows the ins and outs of politics—at least the way things get done or should get done.

Also, in the June edition of the museum newsletter, she published a long letter about her campaign and how she was taking a leave of absence from her position as the director of the museum to concentrate on her campaign and to “keep the Museum above the political fray.”

If that’s the case, why then, is she using the museum’s non-profit permit to send out campaign literature, and why did she have a table set up in the library during a recent talk given by former Gov. William Milliken (last month)?

If she is as in-tune with the political

process as she claims to be—and as she should be—then she should know that these things are, at best, frowned upon.

Perhaps a gentle reminder is in order, and it can apply to candidates seeking office anywhere who may be thinking about pressing the envelope of campaign finance laws or what have you. My former boss, W. Edward Wendover, had a tag line for every lecture he gave me (and they were frequent, unfortunately) about a misspelled word or other typographical error: “If they don’t trust you on the little things, how can they trust you on the big things?”

Look, I know how this column may be interpreted. Its foundation, though, is not some bias against any one candidate, nor a desire to promote anyone else. It’s based on my passion for the electoral process and a fear that it is already on shaky ground throughout the nation. I simply want a level playing field for all candidates, no matter what party they claim as their own, or what their name may be.

## Commission

FROM PAGE 4

There is also no denying that, while Beard may be absent in Inkster, she’s very visible in Westland, the largest portion of her district. She’s tireless, in fact, even at her age, always appearing at city functions. She also makes frequent appearances at meetings and the like.

Still, there are some things we’d like to see in the next two years from her: We’d like to see her more often in Inkster, for one thing. We’d also like to see her complete her term, rather than decide it’s time to retire part-way through it and then have the remainder of the commission appoint her successor. That wouldn’t

be fair to voters.

We’d also like to see a strong pool of talent decide to campaign for the post the next time it comes up, too, people who are willing to take on the role on a full-time basis. Sure, anyone can get by on less than that, but those who are passionate for progress know that it can’t happen with that level of commitment.

This is a large district and there are plenty of intelligent, qualified individuals in it. We know they’re out there and hope to see them in two years.

For now, though, the choice is clear: voters should select **Kay Beard** for the 12th District seat on the county commission, if for no other reason than she hasn’t yet given us any cause not to.

And in this day and age, that is a strong endorsement, indeed.

## LETTERS

### Editorial opinion criticized

To the editor:

How is it that you can offer a ‘left handed compliment’ with one sentence of your editorial opinion and take an unwarranted slap at the very foundation of the organization you purport to laud?

Are you aware of the facts or did you feel you had to produce a few paragraphs of print to fill the empty space that could have been an asset to the paper? I continue to be amazed that your work as the editor of our hometown newspaper is receiving a passing grade of ‘acceptable’ by the person responsible for funding your paycheck.

By the way, that person has been deeply involved with the chamber. He was the leader in getting a Downtown Development Authority established for Wayne. You will find, with a little research, that no less than

four other past presidents and multiple boards of directors continued to support a D.D.A. until the work was finished. Our past executive director guided and supported the idea until it was an accomplished fact. You, I, and all the citizens of Wayne have been the beneficiaries of this accomplishment.

As one of the past presidents and a board member for more years than you have lived, I would say your reflection on the value of the chamber’s efforts to promote and grow the business climate within the city for the past 60 years are woefully short-sighted. It does not reflect well on your opinion or the paper when you dismiss so casually the efforts of the past leaders of our community.

Scott, you can do better.

William A. Garrett,  
Wayne

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## Students

FROM PAGE 4

promise” excuse. Now, some are angry about the in-state provision.

Many of the same parents complain about the fact that we have food stamps, welfare, and unemployment compensation – the basic fibers of a strong social safety net.

Of course, state government yielded to the whims of all of those registered voters.

State figures indicate that about 50,000 students get the award each year. That

means the potential spending is about \$150 million in a state that has a perpetual budget deficit.

It’s important that we get our arms around the concept of higher educations and advanced training in this state. But when we’re talking about state-funded education, it needs to be spread equally among college-bound students and adults seeking retraining after a layoff or other catastrophic event.

That would help get people back to work, which is the ultimate cure for our problems in Michigan.

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# Antique appraisal clinic scheduled

Meghan Chatham  
Staff Writer

It's time to dust off the old family heirlooms and retrieve the half-forgotten boxes in the attic as the Fifth Annual Newburgh Road Show descends on Westland.

The show, which is patterned after the popular Antiques Road Show television series, will offer individuals of all ages the opportunity to learn more about their treasures from area experts on July 28.

"With seniors, many of them have items they've had for years, and years, and years," said Peggy Ellenwood, director of Westland Senior Resources. "They have no idea what things are worth now, so they jumped right on it. Last year, 300 or more people attended. The room was packed instantly when we opened and it didn't start thinning out until we closed at 3 p.m."

The most common question, she said, is probably the value of the item. Because value is dependant on a lot of things, including location, Ellenwood said that appraisers are careful to take that into consideration.

Although value is a major consideration, Ellenwood said that appraisers are also able to help

most participants gain some insight into the history of the item as well as on the proper way to care for it.

Specialists will be available to examine virtually anything, including glassware, china, furniture, paper items, autographs, sports memorabilia, quilts, toys, dolls, jewelry, weapons, and war memorabilia.

"There's just such a variety of items that are brought in—you don't see a lot of any one thing," Ellenwood said. "Even if you don't have any items, it's fun just to stop by and see what others have and learn a little more about antiques."

Organizers hope to make the event even more fun for everyone by streamlining the process, too.

"This year, we've limited it to three items per person," she said.

The event will be open to individuals of all ages and from all communities, Ellenwood.

The show will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on July 28 at the Westland Friendship Center. Admission will be \$1 per person and appraisals are \$3 each. The Friendship Center is located at 1119 North Newburgh Road, just south of Ford Road in Westland.

For more information, contact (734) 722-7628.



## Fond memories

The Wayne Golden Hour Club hosted a memorial luncheon recently to honor the memory of Audrey Tucker, the long-time director of senior services for the city who died earlier this year. Her son, Dan, and great-granddaughter, Alexa, (in foreground) were among the many family members who attended. The group planted a carpet rose bush in her honor in the Golden Hour Club memorial garden, which is on the west side of the Wayne Senior Activity Center.

## Police may alter radio frequency

Apparently, there are still some issues to work out in the dispatch department that now serves Belleville and Van Buren Township.

Further consideration is being given to whether Belleville should operate on the same radio frequency as the township. That could resolve problems with the portable-radio to portable-radio communication and preserve the ability of Van Buren Township dispatch to provide Sumpter Township with backup service, according to Belleville City Manager Steve

Walters.

A meeting, which will take place tomorrow, will finalize the issue, Walters said.

Now that the central dispatch network disposition between Belleville and Sumpter Township is complete, equipment matters have also been settled. The township retained all the dispatch employees under the extension of the last agreement, too. A new labor contract will be negotiated.

Resident Kay Atkins said it's now time for Belleville to rely on Van Buren Township.

"Primarily, Belleville needs to look to Van Buren," she said. "Belleville should encourage Sumpter Township to work-up an agreement with Huron Township. We are surrounded by Van Buren Township and it's important that we do that."

"Belleville, Van Buren Township and Sumpter Township work hand and hand in assisting many facets of public safety," said Belleville Police Chief Gene Taylor. "The fact that three communities assist each other if the officers need assistance. It's called mutual aid."

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD JUNE 26, 2006  
IN THE ROMULUS CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER  
11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear.  
**Present:** John Barden, Ellen Craig-Bragg, LeRoy Burcroff, Harry Crout, William Crova, Randolph Gear.

**Excused:** Wadsworth.  
**Administrative Officials in Attendance:**  
Alan Lambert, Mayor  
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk

1. Motion by Crova, supported by Barden to approve the agenda as amended. \*

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-215

2. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Bragg to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held June 12, 2006.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

3A. No Action Taken.

3B. No Action Taken.

06-216

4A. Motion by Crova, supported by Crout to direct legal staff to proceed as recommended regarding Michigan Host v. City of Romulus and Northwest Airlines v. City of Romulus.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Barden, supported by Burcroff to accept the Chairperson’s Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff Crout, Crova, Gear.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-217

5A. Motion by Crova, supported by Bragg to concur with the recommendation of Purchasing ‘Coordinator, Lynn Conway and Richard Suiter, Assistant DPW Director to award Bid 05/06-37 Water Service Specialty Truck for the Department of Public Works to Red Holman Pontiac, GMC in the amount of \$96,620.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-218

5B. Motion by Barden, supported by Crout to concur with the recommendation of Purchasing Coordinator, Lynn Conway and Richard Suiter, Assistant DPW Director and award Bid 05/06-43 Baseball Field Scarifier for the Department of Public Works to Newstripe, Inc, in the amount of \$5,158.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-219

5C. Motion by Crova, supported by Crout to concur with the recommendation of Purchasing Coordinator, Lynn Conway and Richard Suiter, Assistant DPW Director and award Bid 05/06-44, one (1) Casket Lowering Device for the Department of Public Works to the lowest bidder, Holland Supply company, in the amount of \$4,186.76.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-220

5D. Motion by Bragg, supported by Barden to concur with the recommendation of Purchasing Coordinator, Lynn Conway and Richard Suiter, Assistant DPW Director and award Bid 05/06-45 Model Water/Sewer Cargo Van for the Department of Public Works to the lowest bidder, John Rogin Airport GMC, in the amount of \$17,868.33.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear.  
Nays - None.  
Abstain - Crova.  
Motion Carried.

06-221

5E. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to introduce Budget Amendment 05/06-35:

FUND/DEPT.	ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
General Fund					
<b>Expenditure</b>					
	101-1210-712.72-30	Retirement-Mayor	18,289	13,150	31,439
<b>Fund Balance</b>					
	101-0000-390.00-00	Fund Balance	1,506,440	(13,150)	1,493,290

To appropriate funds for additional MERS charges.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crova, Gear.  
Nays - None.  
Abstain - Crout  
Motion Carried.

06-222

5F. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to introduce Budget Amendment 05/06-36:

FUND/DEPT.	ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
General Fund					

<b>Expenditure</b>					
101-4110-741.70-27	Compensated Absence	2,700		13,500	16,200
	DPW				
<b>Fund Balance</b>					
101-0000-390.00-00	Fund Balance	1,493,290		(13,500)	1,479,790

To cover budget deficit for separated employee pay-off of unused days

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-223

5G. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Bragg to introduce Budget Amendment 05/06-37:

FUND/DEPT.	ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
Building Authority					
<b>Expenditure</b>					
303-2310-723.90-11	Project Cost-Bldg.Auth.	34,755		11,489	46,244
303-2310-723.90-11	Cost of Issuance	0		4,700	4,700
<b>Fund Balance</b>					
303-0000-390.00-00	Fund Balance	16,189		(16,189)	0

To deplete Building Authority’s fund balance. Fund will only be used until debt payments are fulfilled.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-224

5H. Motion by Barden, supported by Burcroff to introduce Budget Amendment 05/06-38:

FUND/DEPT.	ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
Merriman Road Enhancement					
<b>Revenue</b>					
218-0000-410.67-33	Special Assess.Rev.	0		70,032	70,032
<b>Expenditure</b>					
218-4910-749.74-01	Maintenance Expense	0		50,000	50,000
218-4910-749.74-02	Electric Expense	0		15,032	15,032
218-4910-749.74-03	Water/Sewer Expense	0		5,000	5,000

To set-up 05/06 budget in newly created fund for Merriman Road Special Assessment District.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-225

5I. Motion by Crova, supported by Barden to introduce Budget Amendment 06/07-02:

FUND/DEPT.	ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
<b>Expenditure</b>					
203-4310-743.77-31	Misc.Contractual Svr.	15,000		30,000	45,000
203-4310-743.73-05	OperatingSupplies	22,000		(2,000)	20,000
203-4310-743.74-81	StormDrainReconst.	12,000		(2,000)	10,000
203-4310-743.76-10	Membership & Dues	2,000		(2,000)	0
203-4310-743.77-39	Engineering Fees	17,000		(2,000)	15,000
203-4310-743.77-71	Non-Motorized Improv.	10,000		(5,000)	5,000
203-4320-743.73-05	Oper.Supplies (TrafSvcs)	8,500		(2,000)	6,500
203-4330-743.73-05	OperSupplies(WinterMt)	90,000		(10,000)	80,000
<b>Revenue</b>					
203-4300-511.67-60	StormDrainInsp.Fee	(45,000)		(5,000)	(50,000)

Transfer to cover 06/07 dust control services inadvertently missed during the initial budgeting process.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

6A1. No Action Needed.

06-226

6A2. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to schedule a public hearing to be held in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, located at 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174 on Monday, July 10, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of hearing objection to the request of D&G Building company, 11651 Hannan Road, to establish an Industrial Development District; parcel would encompass parcel #80-074-01-0147-301.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

6A3. \*\*Deleted\*\*

06-227

11. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Bragg to authorize the Treasurer of the City of Romulus to disburse funds as listed in Warrant 06-12 in the amount of Seven Hundred Sixteen Thousand, Two Hundred Sixty-Six Dollars and Fifty Seven Cents (\$716,266.57).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear.  
Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

12. Motion by Bragg, supported by Barden to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear.  
Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.  
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk  
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held June 26, 2006.

Linda R. Choate, Clerk  
City of Romulus, Michigan

Publish: July 13, 2006



# THE SCENE



## Old jokes get wrung out in sequel

That's what moviegoers will get from the new *Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest* that opened last week. I guess there wasn't room in the bloated \$200 million-plus budget to afford new jokes and gags.

It doesn't matter, though. Walt Disney execs will be shaking their 'booty' at the box office as the numbers roll in (the film grossed record highs its opening weekend—\$141 million). Fans of the first *Pirates* will continue streaming in to the closest multiplex, stand in line and pay big bounties simply based on the success of the first installment.

Rightfully so.

*The Curse of the Black Pearl* was movie magic at its best. Whoever would have guessed that movie based on a theme park ride would rake in more than \$300 million? The best part was that it deserved the success.

A big part of that was Johnny Depp's roguish mas-cara-wearing glam-rock portrayal of Captain Jack Sparrow—a performance that even garnered him an Academy Best Actor nod.

Of course Depp is back as Sparrow and, before the release, was reportedly more over-the-top in the sequel than in the original. Great! Right? Don't be fooled. It's the same flamboyant character except this time he runs more like a little girl than before and, unfortunately, the act wears thin like his makeup in a sea storm.

The rest of the main cast is back, too. Hunky Orlando Bloom reclaims his role as Will Turner and the beautiful Keira Knightley returns as the governor's (Jonathan Pryce) fetching daughter Elizabeth Swann. Gore Verbinski is back at the helm directing for mega producer Jerry Bruckheimer with the same old scribes Ted Elliot and Terry Rossio in the galley.

It's the same recipe, but where's the flavor?

As mentioned before the jokes are stale. Verbinski and his writers rely too heavily on fan dedication for the humor to fly. Too many of the 'new' jokes are based on scenes from the old movie. The crew, I don't think, took into account the three years since the first *Pirates* drifted in to theaters—some people might not remember certain incidences that they draw from. I was lucky enough to have just re-watched the first film the night before seeing *Dead Man's Chest*. I'm afraid if I hadn't a lot of the humor would have sailed right over my head. Even so, the humorous attempts resulted in more eye-rolling contempt than belly-jiggling laughs. Along with the mottled

plot and abrupt ending, *Pirates 2* is a tough sell.

What keeps this sequel afloat, though, are the clever action sequences and special effects. There are, of course, sea battles and chases and humanoid sea beasts but nothing tops the cannibal island escape sequence, the fantastic water wheel sword fight and the giant squid.

The film starts with the arrest of both Will and Elizabeth on their wedding day. They are taken into custody on the grounds of aiding and abetting Jack in the first film. Lord Beckett of the East India Trading Co. guarantees their release if Will can hunt down Jack, get his magical compass and bring it back. If not, they both go to the gallows.

Jack, however, has his own needs for the compass. He is in search of a key that will unlock the chest of legendary pirate Davy Jones—the same thing Beckett is after. Myth has it: whoever has control of the Dead Man's Chest rules the sea.

Jack merely wants the box in order to bargain his way out of the blood debt he owes Davy Jones (Bill Nighy),

who despite being dead still mans his cursed ship, The Flying Dutchman. However, the years he's spent at the bottom of the ocean haven't been good to Davy. His face has taken on octopus qualities and his body lobster-like extremities. His crew sports the same sea-creature disfigurements—one guy even has a head shaped like a hammerhead shark. Regardless of the crew's almost cartoonish appearance they're not to be messed with. If Davy Jones and his minions don't catch you his personal sea monster, the kraken, will. The giant squid has no problem dismantling ships with its giant tentacles—a pure special effects delight.

Verbinski is definitely at his best with action scenes but in between he lets the film lag if not drown. It's not a bad film—the numbers have proven that—but I was hoping for a little more swash for my buckle. Hopefully, *Pirates 3* (due out next May) will sum up all of the uncertainties the second left behind and include some new humor.

If not, it could be sink-or-swim time for a franchise that started so promisingly.



Reviewed By  
Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer



# Going for the ‘Gold’

## Local businessman helps keep annual Detroit boat race going

Jason Carmel Davis  
Staff Writer

Jim Schebil, president of Fox Hills Chrysler Jeep in Plymouth, is proud of his continued involvement with the more than 100-year-old Gold Cup race.

About 16 years ago, the Detroit river race—widely regarded as the most prestigious race in the world—lost the major sponsor. Schebil, who was an advertising representative for Chrysler at the time, stepped in and put together the appropriate sponsorship to keep the competition alive.

Schebil had a part in the formation of a new organizational unit for the event. The popularity of the event has been restored, thanks, in part, to Schebil's efforts. Each year, the race welcomes about 300,000 people during the three-day period.

"Through a lot of hard work and dedication from the Detroit River Regatta, this thing has had a chance to grow," Schebil said. "It used to just be the race, but now we have more of an enter-

tainment venue."

Schebil said this year—tomorrow through Saturday on the Detroit River—will feature several genres of music. He also said the U.S. Navy will provide a flight simulator patrons can test.

"It's kind of cool to see the race go from popular to almost shutting down and back again," Schebil said. "I'm extremely honored to be a part of (the race)."

The Gold Cup dates back to 1904. It came to Detroit in 1916 and made the city its permanent home in 1990. The event features 10 unlimited hydroplanes and 12 automotive-powered supercharged unlimited light hydroplanes racing to the finish line.

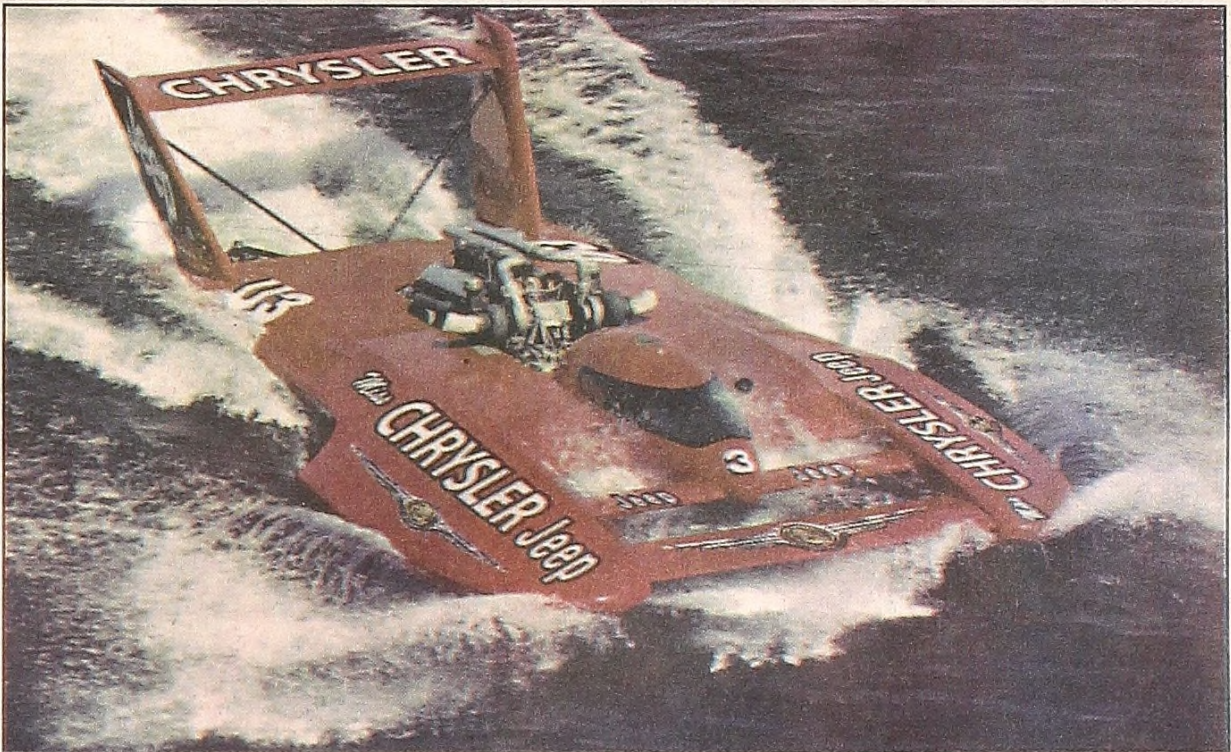
Schebil's love for the race goes back a long time.

When he was 12 years old, he would ride his bike down to the race just to hear the engines roar. That love for the race carried over into his adult years. In 2002, Schebil was the sponsor of the winning hydroplane, appropriately dubbed Miss Fox Hills.

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I've always had  
a passion  
for the race.  
Winning it was  
a huge thrill.

Jim Schebil



Miss Chrysler Jeep, unlimited hydro U-3 makes a piston powered run at glory at the 2006 Chrysler Jeep Superstores Detroit Gold Cup race trials.

Since then, the plane has received new sponsorship, and will be called Miss Chrysler Jeep. Only 100 names are on the age-old Gold Cup trophy, and Schebil was proud to have his plane on the list.

"I've always had a passion for the race," he said. "Winning it was a huge thrill."

Schebil has sold cars since 1975. In 1982, after he was a part of a Detroit dealership for three

years, he took up shop at his current location—111 Ann Arbor Road—and has been there for 24 years.

That support is shown in sales. Schebil said that about 80 percent of the sales at Fox Hills each year are repeat customers or referrals.

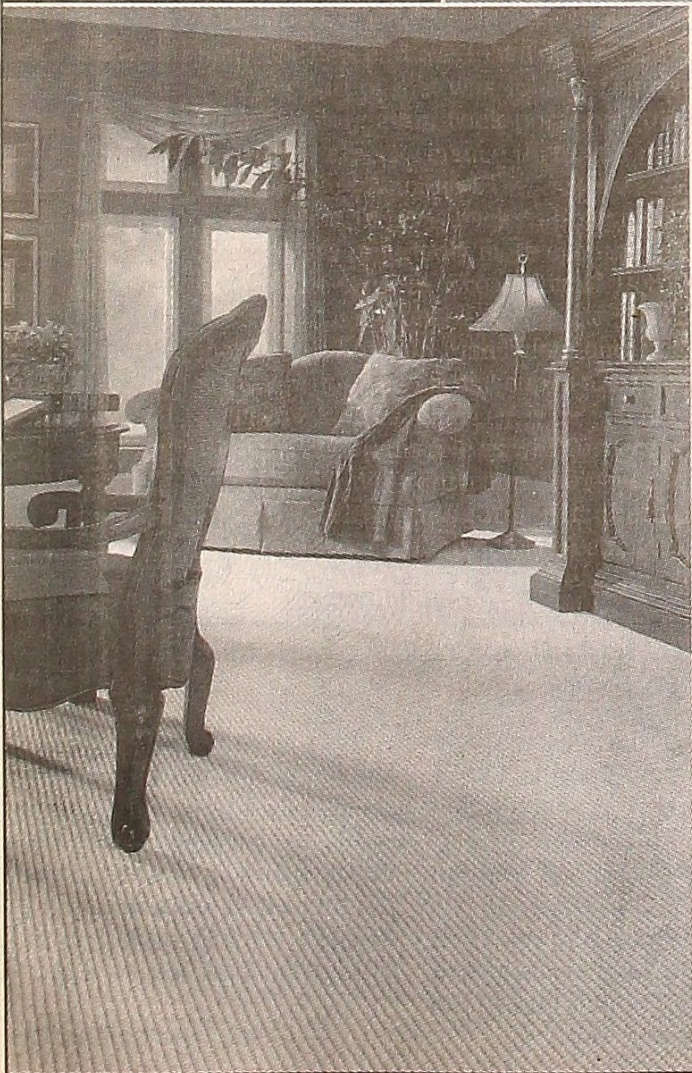
"Plymouth's a great place to live and to do business," Schebil said. "They want to do business in the community and when they

do, they keep coming back."

Schebil's silver anniversary in his current spot is next year. He said he hasn't planned anything special yet.

"I'm just fortunate to have the opportunity to have a dealership for this long," Schebil said. "I was thinking about (25 years) on my way to work today. I'm not sure what we'll do. We'll have to think about that and see what happens."

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# SPORTS

## Canton coach ready to lead All-Star East team

Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

There's no doubt that Tim Baechler has had a tremendous career as the head football coach at Canton High School.

The list of his accomplishments goes beyond just being a good guy and good coach, though.

He has melded himself into a pillar of the community (even being named the 2005 Sports Newsmaker of the Year by this paper) and has solidified his place in high school football history by accepting the nomination to coach the All Star East football team—an honor for which he was nominated by and voted for by his peers of the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association.

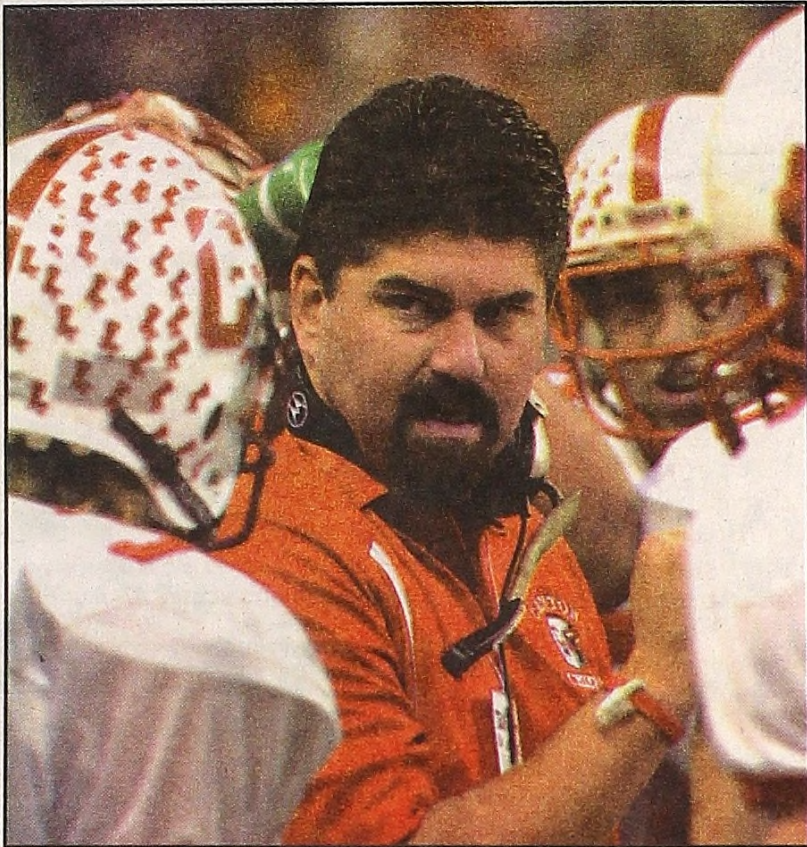
"It's a tremendous honor," he said. "There's a lot of good guys that finished behind me that are pretty good coaches. A lot of people don't know that coaches from around the state and (athletic) directors vote on it, so it's quite a big honor."

There's no question as to why he was chosen.

His Canton Chiefs finished the season 10-2 in 2005, winning the Western Lakes conference for third straight year, capturing the district crown for the second time in three years and attaining the regional title for the first time in the school's history before heading to the big stage for the state championship game.

Unfortunately Baechler and company's stellar season ended at Ford Field in the state finale. He and his Chiefs didn't win but that doesn't matter—just making it to the big game is a testament to how good his program is.

The road to coach in the All



Canton Coach Tim Baechler was nominated and chosen by fellow coaches to lead the East Team in the 26th Annual All-Star Football Game. Photo by Andy Rubenstein

Star game at East Lansing—the site of the 2006 game (see side story for game details)—had several stops along the way.

Baechler, who has a 99-43 record in his eight-year tenure as head of the Canton Chiefs, attended White Pigeon High School where he graduated in 1985 as a Chief.

Next was a stint at Adrian College, where he graduated with a degree in English in 1990. He then went on to receive a Masters in Educational Leadership from Eastern Michigan University.

As far as coaching goes, he started at Onsted High School. He spent two years as the offensive coordinator there before he

moved back to his hometown in 1991 and became a Chief again as the offensive coordinator for White Pigeon. The plan was to take over the head coaching position there, but life events—he met his wife-to-be Julie and got married—sent him to this side of the state looking for coaching jobs. He spent five years as the head coach at Hudson and then commuted to Dexter for a year as the head coach while living in Canton.

Baechler inevitably became a Chief again in the spring of 1998 when the Canton head-coaching job became available.

It wasn't easy, but he turned

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## Game returns to Lansing

Matt Whalen  
Staff Writer

The Michigan High School Football Coaches Association All-Star Game is the place for the best players in the state to showcase their talents.

The 26th annual game will take place at 2 p.m. Saturday July 22, at Spartan Stadium in East Lansing, pitting the East all-stars against the West.

"It's a year-round commitment planning this event," said Gus Kapolka, who is in his first year as All-Star Chairman.

Prior to becoming All-Star Chairman, Kapolka has served as a Regional Director since 2000. Although it's a lot of work, Kapolka said he appreciates

all of the hard work that his predecessor, Larry Rueger, did in organizing the event, and the relationship that has developed with Michigan State University. The game has taken place at Spartan Stadium every year, with few exceptions. Field problems caused the game to be moved to Ann Arbor last year.

Teams are determined for this game by dividing Michigan according to high school enrollment. Players on the East all-star team are nominated from 229 schools in the following counties: Wayne, Oakland, Monroe, St. Clair, Lapeer, Sanilac, Macomb, Huron, and Tuscola. Players on the West squad are chosen from

players at 419 schools in all other counties.

Each team consists of 44 high school graduates from 2006; three of whom are from the Plymouth-Canton area. Wide Receiver Kevin Smith of Romulus, tight end Kevin Bradley of Plymouth Salem, and tackle Ryan Jonik of Canton, will all play for the East team.

Canton head coach Tim Baechler will serve as the head coach of the East all-stars. Jake Houser from Canton High School and Tom Garrett from Plymouth Salem High School will be assistants on

Baechler's six-man coaching staff. All-Star game coaches are nominated and voted on by members of the MHSFCA Board of Directors. Four

coaches are voted on to coach each team. The two coaches who receive the most votes serve as head coaches, and the other two are his assistants. The coaches of each all-star team then select the rest of their staff.

"Tim has been successful everywhere he has been and shows good leadership qualities," Kapolka said. "I think he would have been selected as a coach even without the state championship appearance last year."

Any coach who is a member of the MHSFCA can nominate his players for the chance to play in this game. Nominations are sent

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**Tim has been successful everywhere he has been and shows good leadership qualities.**  
**Gus Kapolka**

## Turek selected in NHL draft

Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

It's every hockey player's dream to get drafted into the NHL.

The only difference between Northville's Ryan Turek and the hundreds of other hockey players swimming up the proverbial stream to hockey stardom is:

He actually got drafted.

Late on Saturday, June 24, Turek and his father were following the NHL draft on the Internet from their home in Northville when the phone rang at the start of the fourth round. The caller was his advisor (not an agent) telling him that the St. Louis Blues had just picked him as the 94th overall pick (first in the fourth round) of the draft.

"It was exciting," Turek said. "I wasn't sure what was going to happen."

Turek watched some of his

friends—like Kyle Okposo, Trevor Lewis and Mark Mitera—go in the first round (7, 17 and 19 respectively), but admits he was a little nervous during and especially before the draft, wondering if he was going to get picked.

"You always hear stories about guys that are supposed to get drafted then don't," he said. "I was real nervous and was thinking a lot of negative thoughts. I was excited, too, because it is a dream of mine to play in the NHL."

"My parents were really excited, too," he added. "I owe a lot to them because they have given up a lot for me to be able to play hockey."

Turek insists now he must concentrate on the next part of his life that doesn't include St. Louis or any other professional team. He's college bound.

Actually, at the age of 15, he

verbally committed to Michigan State University, making him one of the youngest to do so. He's made a decision and he's sticking to it. The hockey phenom is taking on a very mature and levelheaded attitude about his future as a hockey player.

"It's everyone's dream to get drafted," he said, "I'm excited about it, but that part is over. Now, my main focus is to play for State."

He committed to MSU when he was a sophomore in high school. He skated at the 2002 USA Select 15 Festival and played for the Honeybaked Midget AAA team in the regular season.

The next season he skated for Team Michigan at the USA Hockey Select 16 Festival, then played for Team USA at the U17 Five Nations Cup. After his return, he was Honeybaked's team captain before he left mid-



Ryan Turek of Northville was the 94th overall pick in the 2006 NHL Entry Draft last month.

way through the season to join the Texarkana Bandits, led by former Honeybaked coach Jon Cooper.

He only played half a season there, but was named to the NAHL All-Rookie Team. Then the Omaha Lancers selected Turek with the 10th pick in the USHL Dispersal Draft.

Turek, who was always known for his stout defensive abilities, was moved to forward in his second season with the Lancers due to injuries at the position. He fared well, scoring 17 goals with 11 assists in 52 games. He also scored a goal

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## Coach

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the 1-8 Chiefs around. His team won the district championship in his third year. For the next four years he and his crew would not go without winning a conference, district or regional crown.

Now he hopes to restore an East team that has lost the last two years.

"I know we're there to showcase the kids' talents," he said, "but we're also there to compete and we want the win."

He will have a lot of help on the field and along the sidelines to make that happen.

### The Staff

Baechler will run his mighty Wing-T offense in the All Star game with first assistant Ron Adams (Wyandotte Roosevelt) running his defense. Baechler and Adams were each able to choose one person from their coaching staff to bring with them. Baechler chose long-time assistant Jake Houser.

"Jake played for me at Hudson and has been coaching with me the longest," he said. "He knows the offense the best and has been the Junior varsity head coach for me

but most of all he's been my assistant the longest."

Adams brought Jason Carpenter on to the staff. The other two assistant coaches for the East team were voted on. Respected Salem defensive coordinator Tom Garrett was elected on to the staff along with Donshell English from Detroit Southeastern.

"Garrett just happened to get put on as an assistant," Baechler said.

He said with the new coaching staff at Salem he asked Garrett to join the ranks of the Canton staff for the 2006-07 season.

"So I have two of my guys with me for the All Star game," Baechler said.

### The Players

The first challenge was to weed through the hundreds of nominated players, which included rumaging through paperwork and consuming film on just about every player.

"It's a painstaking process," Baechler said. "This is an honor to get to coach but it's a job you only want to do once. There's a lot of work that goes into it."

Of the 44 lucky participants, three of the players are from the Journal News area.

Baechler chose tackle Ryan Jonik from his Canton squad.

"He deserves to be in the game," Baechler said. "He's a fantastic kid and good student. He's very respectful; a class act kid. He's going to play at Wayne State on a scholarship so I knew he would be in shape."

"It will be fun to have another week with him," he added. "He's a lineman and (I've) had a special place in my heart for him."

Salem's Kevin Bradley also made the roster. He was chosen for his unmatched athleticism.

"He was chosen because he is an athlete," Baechler said. "He was selected as an at large player that we can play where we need him. He can play quarterback, defensive back, tight end; we can play him anywhere."

Kevin Smith, a wide receiver/defensive back from Romulus also made the team.

"He had a great year and did everything we asked him to do," said former Romulus Coach Wade Cook. "He's one of those guys that you can give him something to go on and he will run with it. There were times that we had him defend against the top wideouts on opposing teams and he would keep up with them, shutting down, probably, 40 percent of their offense."

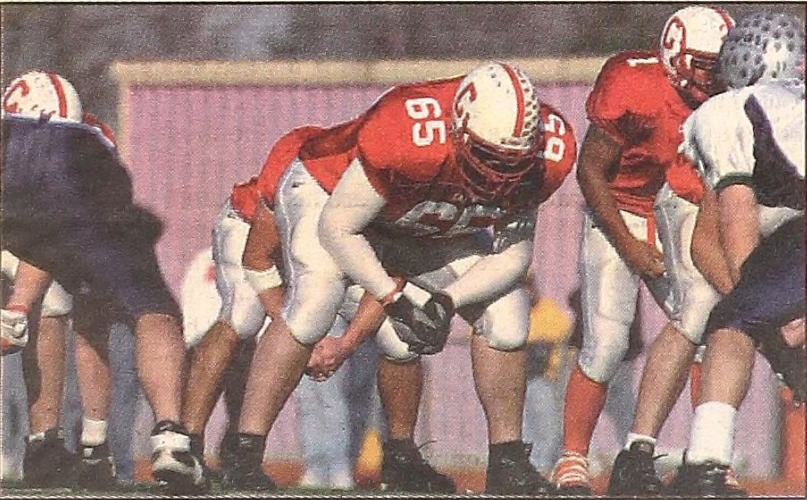
Baechler said he is also looking forward to coaching other 2005-06 standouts like Jacob Ball, quarterback for Rochester Adams; Dany Stiefel, quarterback for Sterling Heights Stevenson; and Birmingham Brother Rice tailback John Goebel.

Baechler is ready to push the paperwork and film to the side and hit the field.

"I'm ready to get on the practice field," he said. "That's what I love about coaching; working with the kids and putting it all together."



Salem's Kevin Bradley (8) will play for Canton Coach Tim Baechler for the high school All-Star East team. Photo by Andy Rubenstein



Canton tackle Ryan Jonik (65) will join forces once more with his former high school coach in the 26th Annual All-Star Football Game on July 22. Photo by Andy Rubenstein

## Game

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in December. From these nominations, the two all-star coaching staffs, along with the MHSFCA Board of Directors and All-Star Committee select the players who participate in the game the following month. No school can have more than one

player playing in the game.

The goal is to draw more than 5,000 fans to the game, according to Kapolka.

The West all-stars, who have won the game for the last two years, are the home team for this year's game. They will wear scarlet and white, while the colors for the East team are royal blue and white. Tickets can be purchased for \$5 before the game and \$10 at the gate on the day of the event.

### JULY BOARD OF REVIEW CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

The BOARD OF REVIEW of the Charter Township of Van Buren will meet at the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road on Tuesday, July 18, 2006 at 2:00 pm.

The purpose of this meeting will be to correct clerical errors or mutual mistakes of fact

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## SPORTS

## Armstrong drafted by Calgary

Angela Harris  
Staff Writer

As Plymouth Whaler John Armstrong sat through the first two rounds of the 2006 National Hockey League Entry Draft on June 24 in Vancouver, he was nervous and anxious to see his name called.

"It was frustrating sitting there and watching all the other players having their names on the board," Armstrong said.

But hard work and patience paid off for Armstrong, who was drafted by the Calgary Flames in the third round, 87th overall, just behind his Whaler teammate, Tom Sestito.

"We're excited for both of them," said Mike Vellucci, president, general manager and head coach of the Whalers. "John Armstrong has been one of our most consistent players over the last two years. Both players are expected to continue to improve next season."

He added that Armstrong should be given a lot of credit because of the hard work that he has done during the past two years and that he is an excellent hockey player who deserves the recognition.

Armstrong traveled to the draft with his family because they wanted to be there to experience it with him, Deb Armstrong, his mother, said. To play in the NHL has been one of Armstrong's goals since he was very young, she added.

"To watch him walk up with the Flames jersey on and to see his smile, it was one of those life events," Deb Armstrong said. "We were just glad to be there and to see his smile and how excit-

ed he was."

Joy Evavold, one of Armstrong's land-parents from Canton, with whom he lived this past year, said, "We couldn't be happier for him. He worked really hard for it."

Armstrong said he expected to be drafted anywhere in the first three rounds, but had no idea to what team or in what round.

"I am really excited and happy I was drafted by Calgary," Armstrong said. "I have only heard good things about the organization."

Deb Armstrong added that since their family is from Ontario, Canada, she was happy that a Canadian team drafted him.

"There are not a lot of Canadian teams in the NHL, so that was exciting too," she said.

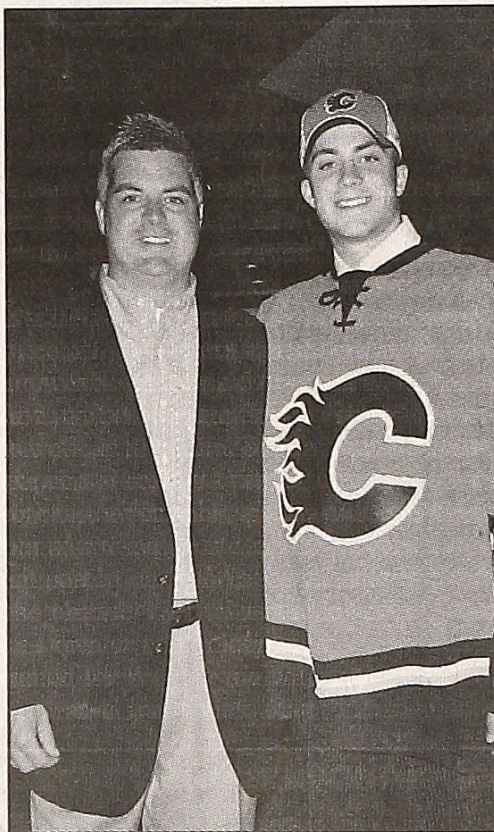
Armstrong said his type of play is perfect for the Flames because of their hard work style of play under head coach and general manager Darryl Sutter.

The Flames need a center and in the next few years, Armstrong hopes to be able to fill that spot, he said.

Armstrong will be a good fit for the Flames since they are a tough team on the ice because of their size and skill and he can do a lot in the future for them, Vellucci said.

Evavold added that Armstrong has told her that he looks forward to working hard so he will see plenty of ice time for the Flames.

Armstrong plans to play for the Plymouth Whalers during the 2006-2007 season. He added that he hopes to produce large scoring numbers and go to the Flames camp to see if they will move him up for the following year.



Plymouth Whaler John Armstrong stands with Mike Vellucci, the Whalers president, general manager and head coach, after the Calgary Flames selected him in the third round of the NHL Entry Draft last month.

During the 2005-2006 season, Armstrong scored 14 goals with 23 assists and 75 penalty minutes in 65 games for Plymouth. In the playoffs, he scored four goals with seven assists in 13 games.

Armstrong began his hockey career at the age of four playing in his hometown of Unionville, Ontario. His father coached him until he was ten when he began playing in Toronto for the Toronto Red Wings and Junior Canadians before being drafted by the Plymouth Whalers in the first round, 13th overall.

## Turek

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and an assist in five playoff games for Omaha.

At the end of December last year he was selected team captain for the U18 Team USA in search of the Viking Cup in Camrose, Alberta. There he scored a goal and three assists in six games, earning him a bronze medal.

Turek also played for the Team West at the USHL All-Star game. He scored two goals and was named the team's MVP.

From there he was invited to Toronto for the NHL Combine where he spent two rigorous days vying for a placement in the draft.

The rest is history.

"We're very excited, especially for him," said Sharon Turek, Ryan's mother. "He's worked so hard for it. He's had to give up a lot; he's missed proms and dances and other things that teenagers normally do to get this far."

"He's very modest," she added. "He's trying not to get too excited about the draft. He's looking at it as one step at a time. He's excited about Michigan State and I think they are excited about having him."

Turek will have his work cut out for him at the college level as he battles top teams like Wisconsin, Minnesota and Michigan. If you hear his name a lot don't be surprised—you're bound to hear it for a long time. He could be proof that dreams do come true.

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SPORTS

# Teeing off

## Program sparks golf interest in youngsters

Angela Harris  
Staff Writer

Albion Gibbs saw other people—even the President—playing golf and thought he might like to give it a try.

On Monday mornings throughout the summer, the 11-year-old, along with 17 other young golfers, can be found at Inkster Valley Golf Course or the Inkster Driving Range, learning the fundamentals of the game of golf.

The program is in its 16th year. Aimed at youths aged 8-16, it teaches the students the proper grip, how to swing the club, play out of sand traps and how to putt as well as golf etiquette, discipline and courtesy, said director George Thompson.

The students take lessons at the golf course and driving range before participating in a golf tournament at the par-3 course at Belle Isle. The golfers qualify for it based on attendance. If they miss two or three sessions, they are ineligible, Thompson said.

At the end of the tournament, trophies are awarded at a banquet at McDonalds. In the past, the number of golfers who qualify for the tournament each received a trophy, Thompson said.

"I don't know if it is going to continue that way or not; I hope it doesn't," Thompson said. "That means more people are on time and their attendance is good. Then they have to learn the walks of life—everyone does not win."

The hardest thing about teaching the participants the game is instructing them in the proper swing, because they have a tendency to not look at the ball or not have the proper stance, Thompson said.

The best ages to teach a child how to play the game are between 8 and 10, Thompson said.

"I think 7 is a little too early because of their concentration and patience," Thompson said. "(Golf) is normally played on a hot day and that has a lot to do with it."

Carl Davis entered his two children in the program to give them the opportunity to learn a different sport outside of the traditional ones.

"(I chose golf) because it is a sport where they can compete in and it's not something that is dominated by a particular audience," Davis said. "They can always play it. They don't have to wait or sit on the bench. It gives them a chance to play."

His son, Evan, began playing golf because his dad played the game a lot, but he said he enjoys playing golf because he likes to hit the ball.

"I did good (hitting it)," Evan Davis said.

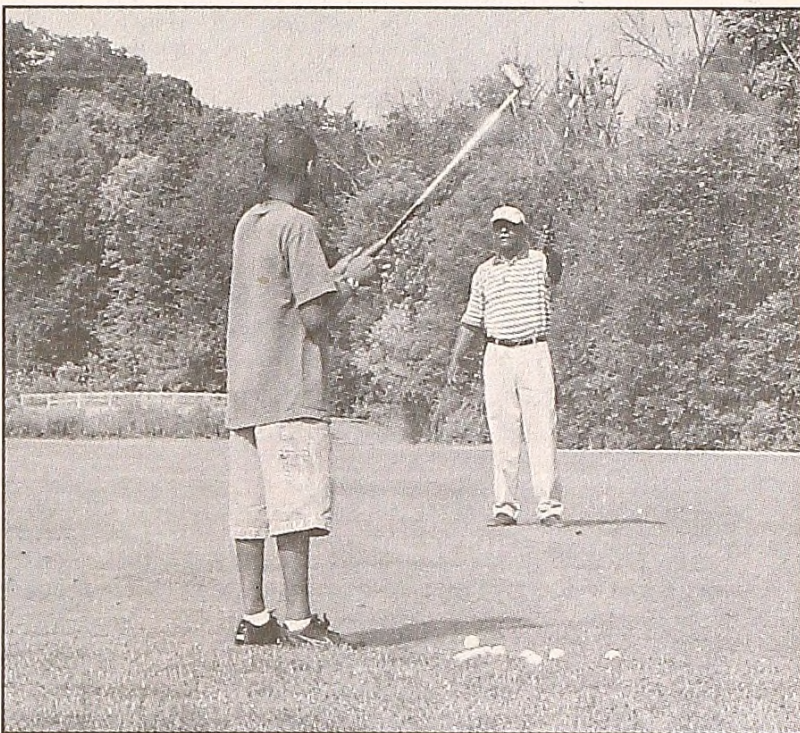
In addition, the program and the sport will give Davis' children the opportunity to learn a sport that crosses all barriers and allows them to meet different people, Davis said.

"As they get older, no matter what they do in life, they can play with lawyers and doctors," Davis said. "Whatever they chose to do in life, it's something everybody can do together, equally. It's relaxing."

The program also teaches the young golfers other life lessons such as how to be on time for an appointment, how to meet the demands of superiors and how to play a life-long sport, Thompson said.

"It starts with discipline," Thompson said. "What do they say about the schools? There is no discipline, chaos in the schools. There's no discipline in a place, you have chaos. As you can see, we will have discipline."

Another obstacle in teaching the participants the game is that the city does not help the program a great deal, Thompson



Albion Gibbs, 11, checks the grip on his club as lead instructor, Jim May, demonstrates the correct way to hold a golf club to participants in the City of Inkster golf program July 3 at the Inkster Valley Golf Club.

said. He added that if the driving range had a program where the participants could play at a reduced rate, it would help because it would allow them to practice a lot more.

"Where can you go to practice after you leave here?" Thompson asked. "They can't go in the backyard because of the dangers of hitting the ball, breaking the windows. You would hit the balls and lose them."

The program needs help because of the cost of the game, Thompson said. The program currently is free to the participants and includes balls, lessons

and clubs.

"Basketball, you don't need any money to play every day, but to go and play golf and just drive, it's going to cost you \$5 or \$10 each time," Thompson said. "How many times are you going to do that? How many times are you going to ask the parents to do that?"

He added that if an individual or business would like to donate balls or clubs to the program or help sponsor it to contact him at the Inkster Parks and Recreation Department that helps sponsor the program along with the Wayne County Parks.

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### 1. Obituaries



JAMES, Billy R. of Belleville died July 4, 2006. Born May 8, 1929 in Middlesboro, Kentucky. Beloved husband of the late Hannah, and son of the late Oscar and Nancy James. Father of Kelly (Mike) Crawford, Tracy Pettifor and the late son, Terry. Proud grandfather of Eric, Jeffrey, Jeremy, Teri and Katelyn. Mr. James is also survived by his two brothers, Delbert and Walter James. Mr. James retired in 1993 after 30 years of service with E & L Transport. The funeral service was held at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh Rd., Westland, MI,

with interment in Oakland Hills Memorial Park. Memorial donations to the Kidney Foundation would be appreciated. Please leave your message of condolence for the family at: [www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com)

WALTERS, Roger William, of Romulus, MI, age 71, passed away Tuesday, July 4, 2006. He was born Nov. 19, 1934 in Porterfield, WI, the son of Randal J. and Steffa J. (Chaikowski) Walters. Mr. Walters grew up farming in Porterfield and retired from Ford Motor Company,

Wayne Truck plant in 1988. He served honorably in the U.S. Navy during the Korean Conflict. He was a member and past commander of the V.F.W. Post #9568 in Romulus. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. Survivors include: three daughters, Thelma (Don Copeland) Betterly of Ypsilanti, Carmal (Norman Baker) Howe of Belleville, and Carrie (Mark) Morrin of Ypsilanti; two sons, Milton (Jeanette) Walters of Wayne and Randal Walters of Romulus; the mother of his children, Betty DeMichele of Canton; twelve grandchildren; thir-

teen great grandchildren; one great great grandchild; one sister, Karen (Don) Johnston of Peshtigo, WI; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his second wife, Lucille Hall Walters, two brothers, Harold and Don Walters, and one great grandson, Charles Rix. The funeral service was held July 7 at Stark Funeral Service Moor

Memorial Chapel, Ypsilanti, MI. Interment in Washtenong Memorial Park. Contributions may be made to Arbor Hospice Foundation. Envelopes are available at the funeral home. Please sign his guest book at [www.starkfuneral.com](http://www.starkfuneral.com).

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July 15 10am-5pm

#### 59. Auctions

##### NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF LIENED PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that  
a closed bid sale will be  
held on July 28, 2006 at  
1:00 P.M. at 40671 Joy Rd.  
Canton, Michigan 48187,  
County of Wayne.  
**AMERICA'S BUDGET  
STORAGE** will sell to satisfy  
the lien on the property  
stored at 40671 Joy Rd.,  
Canton, Michigan 48187,  
by the following persons.  
The inventories listed  
below were notated by the  
tenants at the time of  
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makes no representation  
or warranty that the units  
contain said inventories.

Keno-Unit #E42  
Misc. household goods

Yaack-Unit #B1  
Misc. household goods

PUBLIC AUCTION  
Wed., July 19, 2006  
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99 Ford Escort 2Dr  
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Livonia Police Impounds

#### 60. Misc. Sales

Huge 2-Family  
Moving Sale

4330 First, Wayne  
2 blks. S. of Mich. &  
5 blks E. of Wayne Rd.

Thurs. 7/13 - Sun. 7/16  
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Rain or shine!

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Everything Must Go!

Fri. 7/14 thru Sun 7/16  
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Also For Sale:  
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Dist.  
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# FOOD

## BARBEQUE & BUNS

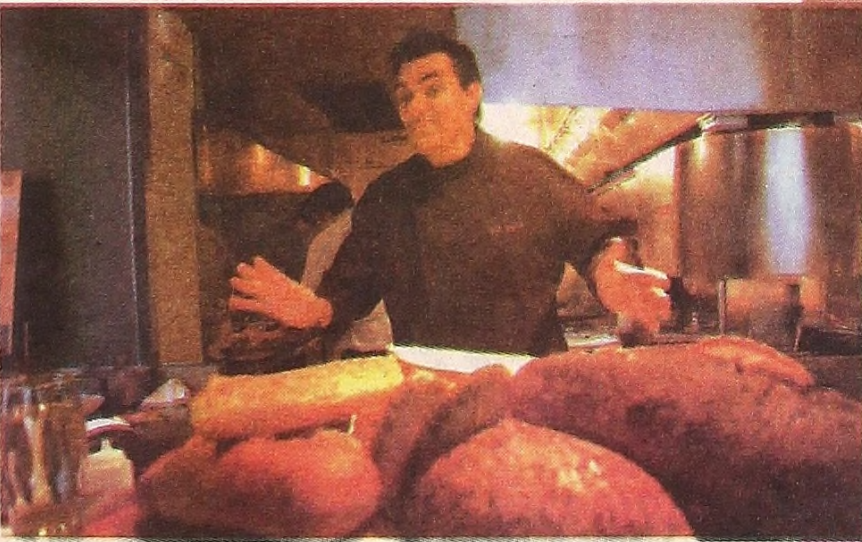
### The Perfect Summer Grilling Combination

For those who want to expand their barbeque menus beyond burgers and dogs, the Korean Cubano is an easy crowd pleaser.

#### FAMILY FEATURES

**C**hef Todd English of Olives restaurant fame worked with the Grain Foods Foundation to create signature barbeque sandwich recipes that offer a new take on traditional backyard favorites.

“Bread is as essential to barbeque as the meat on the grill,” English says. “Adding the right kind of bread, bun or roll enhances the taste of your barbeque creation.”



Chef Todd English encourages consumers to think about the bread as well as the meats they use in their backyard barbeques.



Chef Todd English's unique take on the traditional hot dog includes black-eyed pea spread.

## FIRE UP THE GRILL

### Rustic Chef finalist to be chosen

The final contestant for the Rustic Chef competition will be chosen in a cook off event planned from noon until 2 p.m. July 22 at Maybury Farm in Northville.

The match-up will include both professionals and amateurs and is open to the public.

Presented by Meijer, the chefs receive a cooler of mystery ingredients prepared by Frank Agostini of E.G Nick's in Plymouth from which they must make a meal to serve to the panel of judges. Meijer provides a \$50 gift certificate to augment the mystery ingredients and the chefs have until 2 p.m. to plan, prepare and present their creations to the panel of judges.

All cooking is done on a charcoal grill and entries are still being accepted. For information or to compete, call Shari Peters at 248-374-0200.

Complimentary parking is provided at Maybury Farm and admission is \$4 per person. Entrance to the farm is off Eight Mile Road about 1 3/4 miles west of Beck Road.

#### Korean Cubano

Makes 6

- 6 soft white rolls (if available, use soft Cuban rolls)
  - 6 tablespoons mayonnaise
  - 1 pound thinly sliced boiled ham
  - 1 pound thinly sliced Swiss cheese
  - 1 pound spicy dill pickles (if available, use kimchee)
  - 1 pound thinly sliced prosciutto
  - 6 tablespoons garlic butter
- Slice rolls in half and spread insides with mayonnaise. Layer sandwich with ham, cheese, pickles and prosciutto. Thinly brush the outside of rolls with garlic butter and place sandwich on the grill. Cook until bread is crispy and cheese is melted.

#### Hot Dogs With Whipped Black-Eyed Pea Spread, Relish and Mustard

Makes 12

- 2 cups plus 2 teaspoons extra-virgin olive oil, divided
  - 1 bunch rosemary, finely chopped
  - 3 cloves garlic, sliced
  - 3 cups black-eyed peas, cooked
  - 2 tablespoons roasted garlic cloves
  - Dijon mustard to taste
  - 12 hot dogs
  - 12 hot dog rolls
  - 2 cups bright green pickle relish
- In a pot on the grill with 2 teaspoons oil, add rosemary and sliced garlic and heat for about 1 minute. Stir in black-eyed peas. Add just enough water to cover peas, and then transfer

mixture to blender. Puree the mixture while slowly adding roasted garlic and remaining extra-virgin olive oil in a steady stream. Once emulsified, add Dijon mustard and salt and pepper to taste.

Place hot dogs on grill; cook until crispy and warmed through. Slit rolls down the middle and toast on the grill for 1 minute. Spread pea puree on one side of rolls and mustard on the other. Place a hot dog in each roll, slit each down the middle and fill with relish.





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